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## PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

8 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 2/8

Individual Messages

1. Oil Supply

(1) According to an order to Rostov-NKRF the Chief Directorate of Oil Supply has been directed to increase by 100% fuel allotments to the Military Reconstruction Directorate of the Don/Kuban. However, fuel deliveries to the agricultural enterprises have been refused.

(2) By order of the NKRF the NKRF Oil Base in Krasnoyarsk receives 45 tank cars of motor oil from the Krasnovodsk Oil Supply Office.

(3) In June Stalingrad-NKRF consumed 10,012 tons of mazut for shipping on the Lower Volga. The consumption plan provided for 10,551 tons.

1. Requirements

(4) The CD for Georgian Construction in Tbilisi requires the following for the fourth quarter:

509 tons Mazut	1.5 tons Cylinder oil
50 tons Petroleum	7 tons Compressor oil
23 tons Gasoline	5 tons Avtol
3 tons Machine oil	0.5 tons Solidol
58 tons Motor oil	1 ton Transformer oil

2. Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(5)	Molotov-NKRF	6,000 tons	Fuel	---	---
(6)	Kamuste-NKRF	5,720	Mazut	---	---
(7)	Molotov-NKRF	2,000	Mazut	Kamuste-NKRF	From the 5,720 tons
(8)	Derbeshki-NKRF	500	Mazut	Kamuste-NKRF	"
(9)	Molotov, Water Transport Base	100	Mazut	---	For Tatar
(10)	Molotov, Water Transport Base	12	Oil	---	10 tons for Tatar and 2 tons for Bashkir
(11)	Erevan, NK for Water Regulation	120	Oil	---	For 3rd quarter
(12)	Nevinnomyssk, Wool Washing Plant	12	Oil	---	For August

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(13)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	14 tons	Oil	---	For August
(14)	Stavropol', Hay Procurement	4	Oil	---	For August
(15)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	12	Diesel oil	---	For August
(16)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	4	Petroleum	---	For August
(17)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	2 tons	"	---	For August
(18)	Tbilisi, Railroad "Beriya"	40	"	---	For July
(19)	Erevan-NKVD	1	"	Erevan, Oil Supply	For August
(20)	Erevan, NK for Water Regulation	20	"	---	For 3rd quarter
(21)	Stavropol', Oil Supply	2	"	---	For August
(22)	Molotov, Water Transport Base	6	"	---	For Bashkir
(23)	Essentuki, Cattle Fattening Base	7	"	---	August/Sept.
(24)	Ordzhonikidze, Plant "Elektrot-sink"	5	"	Groznyj, Oil Supply	For August
(25)	"Sadonkombinat"	5	"	Groznyj, Oil Supply	For August
(26)	Ordzhonikidze Oblast', NK for Transportation	20	"	---	For August
(27)	Kislovodsk & Essentuki, NK for Health	13	"	---	For August
(28)	Kislovodsk & Essentuki, NK for Health	10	Gasoline	---	For August
(29)	Ordzhonikidze Oblast', NK for Transportation	3.5	"	---	For August
(30)	Erevan, NK for Water Regulation	20	"	---	For 3rd quarter
(31)	Erevan, NKVD	2	"	Erevan, Oil Supply	For August
(32)	Kabardino-Balkar Council of the NK	15	"	---	For bridge re-construction
(33)	Pyatigorsk-NKVD	128	"	---	For August
(34)	Ordzhonikidze, Plant "Elektrotsink"	5	"	Groznyj, Oil Supply	For August
(35)	"Sadonkombinat"	40	"	Groznyj, Oil Supply	For August
(36)	Essentuki, Cattle Fattening Base	5	"	---	For September
(37)	Stavropol', Fruit and Vegetable Trust	2	"	---	For September
(38)	Stavropol', Oil Supply	2.5	"	---	For August
(39)	Stavropol', Hay Procurement	1	"	---	For August

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(40)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	3 tons	Gasoline	---	For August
(41)	Nal'chik, Road Directorate	1	Gasoline	---	For August
(42)	Kutais, Flying School	2	"	---	For August
(43)	Tbilisi, Railroad "Beriya"	8	"	---	For July
(44)	Nal'chik, Road Directorate	0.5	Ligroin	---	For August
(45)	Pyatigorsk, NKVD	5	Ligroin	---	For August
(46)	Stavropol', Oil Supply	1	Ligroin	---	For August
(47)	Erevan, NK for Water Regulation	9	Ligroin	---	For 3rd quarter
(48)	Ordzhonikidze Oblast', NK for Transportation	5	Ligroin	---	For August
(49)	Gorkij, Inland Shipping	5	Lubricants		
(50)	Tbilisi, Fish Trust	1	Motor oil	Gorkij, Oil Supply Tbilisi, Oil Supply	For August For 3rd quarter
(51)	Stavropol', Oil Supply	10	Motor oil	---	For August
(52)	"Sadonkombinat"	200	Motor oil	Groznyj, Oil Supply	For August
(53)	Navtlug, Plant #31	14	Aviation oil		
			Baku	---	

### 3. Deliveries and Stocks

(54) As of 1 August, the Sheep Breeding Directorate in Vinogradnoe has received the following:

17 tons Petroleum  
1.5 tons Gasoline  
1.5 tons Avtol,

and is disposing of a remainder of

1.3 tons Petroleum  
0.2 tons Avtol.

(55) As of 1 July the Silk Industry in Tbilisi had a stock of the following:

11 tons Oil  
5 tons Petroleum  
5 tons Gasoline

### 2. Coal Supply

(56) The Mining Office in Tbilisi announces the following coal mining plan for the 3rd quarter:

East Mine: 400 tons, including 100 in August and 200 in September; Tkvarcheli, Shaft #2  
1,400 tons, including 500 in August and 550 in September.

(57) The Carbide Plant in Erevan has requested but not received 120 tons of coke for the 2nd quarter. The plant has ceased operations because of a lack of coke.

(58) According to a directive to Chardzhou-NKRF and other similar messages, the State Defense Committee ordered a survey of coal stocks as of 1 August, 1800 hours. In making this survey, state coal reserve stocks are not to be considered.

(59) The following stock reports have been noted since 1 August:

<u>Location and Office</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Erevan, Chief of the CD for Highways	20 tons Pit coal
Erevan, NK for the Food Industry	191 tons Pit coal
Krasnoarmejsk-NKRF (22km. south of Stalingrad)	500 tons Pit coal
Omsk-NKRF (as of 10 July)	3,110 tons Coal
Poti, Food Industry	38 tons Coal
Shamluga, Non-ferrous Metal Industry	49 tons Coal
Tbilisi, Georgian Trade (Office)	10 tons Coal
Tbilisi, Mill Combine	128 tons Coal

(60) The Chief Directorate of Coal Supply in Stalingrad is to deliver 300 tons of coal daily to the local Inland Shipping (Office).

(61) The Meat and Dairy Industry in Erevan requires 50 tons of coal for heating supplies during 1944.

(62) The CD of Georgian Construction in Tbilisi requires the following for the 4th quarter:

1,080 tons Tkvarcheli Coal  
1,680 tons Tkivbuli Coal

(63) The Silk Industry in Tbilisi had 469 tons of coal stocks remaining on 1 July.

<u>Authorizations Noted</u>					
	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(64)	Zestafoni, Plant "Ferro"	1,500 tons	Pit coal	---	On July plan
(65)	Erevan, Armenian Light Industry	500	Pit coal	---	For August
(66)	Yakutsk-NKRF	4,000	Pit coal	Zangarsk	For August
(67)	Semipalatinsk	7,200	Pit coal	---	---
(68)	Molotov-NKRF	1,110	Pit coal	Levshino	Kuznets coal
(69)	Tbilisi, Sugar Plant	2,000	Pit coal	Tbilisi, CD of Coal Supply	For August
(70)	Tbilisi, Trade Union Hospitals	260	Pit coal	Tbilisi, CD of Coal Supply	For August
(71)	Tbilisi, Marga- rine Plant	200	Pit coal	---	July/August
(72)	Tbilisi, Silk Trust	340	Pit coal	Tkvibuli	August
(73)	Tbilisi, Tobacco Procurement Office	250	Pit coal	Tkvibuli	August



	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(74)	Girej, Sugar Plant	800 tons	Pit coal	Donets Basin	August
(75)	Kirovakan, Chemical Industry	750	"	Tbilisi, Caucasus Coal Supply	August
(76)	Kutais, Paint Plant	900	"	"	August
(77)	Dzhulfa, Chemical Plant	50	"	"	August
(78)	Irkutsk-NKRF	3,200	"	Cheremkhovo	For July
(79)	Omsk-NKRF	3,600	"	Kuznetsk	For July
(80)	Omsk-NKRF	6,950	"	Kulomzino	For July
(81)	Kujbyshev-NKRF	230	"	Kemerovo	For July
(82)	Molotov-NKRF, Plant "Staryj-Burlak"	65	"	---	---
(83)	Chistopol	10	Coke	---	---
(84)	Erevan, Plant "Dzerzhinskij"	15	Coke	Metallurgical Combine Magnitogorsk	---

### 3. Production and Reconstruction

(85) As of 1 August Krasnodar announces that 895 km of telegraph and telephone lines had been reconstructed and placed in operation using 5,289 km of wire. There will be placed in operation 35 telephone centrals (corresponding to a plan fulfillment of 47%), 12 telegraph and telephone offices (fulfillment 59%) and 23 radio centrals (fulfillment 30.5%). Repair brigades are working at present on the reconstruction of 12 ob'ekts.

(86) The following lines have been placed in operation:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Length of Line</u>	<u>Length of Wire</u>
Krasnodar-Tikhoretsk	136 km	1,224 km
Krasnodar-Saratovskaya-Khadysenskaya		
Tuapse	187	?
Tuapse-Sochi-Veseloe	135	667
Armavir-Labinskaya-Maikop-Belorechenskaya	138	448
Krasnodar toward Krymskaya	???	427
Kanevskaya-Staro-Bebinovskaya-Margaritovka	109	443
Tuapse-Dzhubga-Shabanovka	86	450
Krasnodar-Slavyanskaya	82	574
Slavyanskaya-Anastasievskaya toward Kozachushka	24	120
Main line Armavir-Krapotkin-Tikhoretsk (not yet in operation)	172	2,066
Main line Armavir-Belorechenskaya-Saratovskaya (being placed in operation at present)	167	664

(87) 696 km of these lines (3, 515 km of wire) lie within the Krasnodar Oblast'.

(88) The Military Reconstruction Directorate of the Don-Kuban Okrug in Stalingrad has received from the Inland Shipping Supply (Office) in Molotov 100 drop switch boards for each 20 sub-stations.

(89) Reconstruction work in Stalingrad is suffering setbacks because of lack of means of transportation. In some cases work has been forced to stop. The following communications concern shipbuilding activities in NKRF shipyards.

(90) During 1943 one tow-boat above plan will be produced at Cherdyn.

(91) Sokolskoe is to deliver to Gorkij a 1, 700-ton grain tow-boat at a price of 250, 000 rubles, a similar coal barge at a price of 195, 000 rubles, and an additional tow-boat at a price of 276, 000 rubles.

(92) According to an announcement from Stalingrad-NKRF the "Zhelyabov" Shipyard has fulfilled 42% of the building of three tow-boats.

(93) Construction of tow-boats in Molotov was forced to cease because of late delivery of nails and other construction material.

(94) Stalingrad has built 55 boats and 23 fish tanks and has delivered them on order to the fishing economy of the NKRF in Astrakhan.

(95) Cherdyn has not fulfilled the expected production plan for the first half year. Moreover, production has not improved in July. In June and July drastic interruptions in work have occurred.

(96) Repair plan figures are not being reached in Chkalovsk. The Middle Volga Steamship Agency has ceased shipbuilding work because of a lack of required auxiliary materials.

(97) In Zvenigovo-NKRF construction of a narrow-gauge railroad for transport of timber will be initiated.

(98) The NKRF workshops in Pavlodar are to take over the local coal shafts and coking plants.

(99) Thru 1 October NKRF plants are to deliver axes for timber-felling operations as follows:

Krasnoyarsk	200 axes
Khabarovsk	200 axes
Krasnoarmejsk	100 axes
Ulan-Ude	50 axes

(100) To settle repair work on the agricultural machines on hand Kujbyshev-NKRF

requires an additional 200 scythes and 100 sickles.

(101) According to the plan, the Truck Repair Plant in Tbilisi is to repair 660 trucks

and 71 motors during the third quarter. In June the Plant repaired

191 trucks "GAZ"

18 trucks "ZIS"

1 truck "M"

(102) Stalingrad-NKRF is to receive 100 tons of cement from Volsk for construction.

(103) The Cannery in Gorkij is to receive 12 tons of cement in August.

(104) The Railroad Car Repair Plant in Ordzhonikidze is to receive 3 railroad cars of cement in August.

(105) Stalingrad-NKRF receives 3 tow-boats of lime from Kamuste and Batraki.

(106) Astrakhan-NKRF receives 10 tons of chalk from Kujbyshev.

(107) The Ural Machine Plant in Sverdlovsk is to receive 4 tank cars of oil bitumen.

(108) Hospital No. 1621 in Ordzhonikidze requires 5,000 cm of glass from the Glass Plant in Dagestansk-ye-Ogni.

(109) Molotov-NKRF receives 1 railroad car of lamp glass from the Glass Plant in Zylva (Perm Oblast').

(110) The Water Transport Base in Stalingrad receives 12 tons of twine from Gorkij.

(111) Newly Noted Plants:

Plant 31 in Navtlug,

in Nevinnomysskaya (45 km south of Stavropol'), a wool washing plant,

in Zylva (Perm Oblast') a glass plant,

in Shamluga (not located), non-ferrous metal industry,

Plants 206 and 93, location unknown,

in Dagestansk-ye-Ogni, a glass plant

in Kazan', a plant of NK of the Aviation Industry, produces aircraft floats, 75

pairs monthly,

in Sverdlovsk (?), Plant 34

Aircraft Motor Plant "Stalin", location unknown.

#### Civil Air Fleet

(112) The Omsk District for Aircraft Training has been recently confirmed next to the formerly observed Tashkent District.

(113) Extensive expansion and renovations will be carried out at the Aktyubinsk Airport.

Among other things, 30 special struts and 4,000 meters of bare copper wire will be needed.

(114) The Chief of the Air Fleet, Major General Astakhov, has personally ordered the Commander of ARB 400, Elin, to equip the unit with gas detection apparatus.

(115) Planes of the Air Fleet will be assigned to combat "summer fires" in Mongolia.

(116) The Air Fleet of the Azerbajdzhan SSR receives 310 parachutes type "PF" or "PL" and 53 parachutes type "PN".

(117) Tashkent reports that on 1 August 10,175 kg of sulfur and on 2 August 6,890 kg of sulfur were transported. The purpose of this transport has not as yet been determined.

(118) In a message of 29 July the reorganization of party offices was mentioned: in party office leaders, in the youth clubs, squadrons and in the Air Centers.

(119) The First Secretary of the Swedish Embassy with his wife has stopped at Baku. He intends to fly to Kujbyshev.

(120) According to a message of 29 July "Liberator Bombers" which fly over Saratov toward Astrakhan are to land in Astrakhan.

New units of the Civil Air Fleet have been identified as follows:

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(121)	Prilepa Group	South Caucasus	
		Area Tbilisi	Commander Prilepa
(122)	Pruidze Group	Tbilisi (?)	Confirmation awaited
(123)	Air Squadron	Samarkand	Commander Onishchenko (?)
(124)	31st Unit of the "Sokoly" ("Falcon")	---	---
(125)	899th BAO	---	---
(126)	Direction Finding Stations	Baku, Tbilisi and Ashkhabad	---
(127)	Molotov Air Unit	---	---
(128)	32 Kazan Air Unit	Kazan	---
(129)	Armenian Unit	Erevan (?)	At least 2 echelons (?) belong to this unit.
(130)	Lasuko Batallion	Baku	Commander Lasuko

The following units of the Civil Air Fleet have been newly confirmed:

(131)	Zolotov Group	Starobelsk	---
(132)	Klusson Group	---	Possibly transferred to Starobelsk
(133)	13th Air Regiment	---	---
(134)	Azerbajdzhan Air Group		

The following training units of the Civil Air Fleet have been identified:

(135)	Air School	Baku
(136)	2nd Air Technical School	Tbilisi (?)
(137)	Regrouped transport units will be assembled in Tashkent for Moscow.	
(138)	ALB 400 newly identified at Vnukovo.	
(139)	Aeroflot workers in Novosibirsk are to receive bonuses for having overfulfilled the	

plan for the first quarter and for having greatly lowered manufacturing costs.

(140) Competitions are taking place at all repair shops of the Aeroflot. In Tashkent, Ashkhabad and Stalinabad competitions during July took place at all shops repairing aircraft, aircraft motors, and spare parts.

(141) In July the Communications Center at Aktyubinsk completely fulfilled the subscription and total of the 2nd State Loan by the set date.

(142) Ashkhabad has received an order from Moscow to repair all tractors by 15 September.

(143) Tashkent and Astrakhan report a lack of gasoline and oil.

(144) Reports on Timber Procurement for the Winter:

Kazan: In June and July 728 cubic meters of timber were prepared, 335 cubic meters of which were moved out by horses.

(145) Yanaul (?) has prepared 1,000 cubic meters of timber at the Timber Base, of which 390 cubic meters have been moved out. According to an order from Moscow, a total of 2,000 cubic meters are to be prepared.

(146) Ashkhabad transported 130 cubic meters of timber in the third ten-day period of July.

(147) Aktyubinsk requires 15 railroad cars for timber transport in September. Up thru 1 August 100 cubic meters of timber were prepared; 500 cubic meters are to be moved out in September.

(148) The Sverdlovsk Airport is to receive 10 railroad cars of timber each month in September, October, November and December.

(149) Sverdlovsk, Erevan and Baku have received permission from the NKO (NK for Defense) to exempt potential conscripts. To release Aeroflot personnel for the Army, however, the Guard Service and NKVD have undertaken to furnish guards. In Ashkhabad the guard units will be strengthened by 100%; a strengthening is likewise expected in Kazan.